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The Ambassadors' meeting started at 10:30 this morning at the Embassy with Livy Merchant presiding. Messrs. Aldrich, Kidd from Washington, Martin, Gordon, Tomlinson, Butterworth, Conant and myself were present. Dillon arrived an hour later, having come over by plane this morning. Evangeline came with Phyllis and him.

We plunged into a consideration of what might be done about EDC. Aldrich had to go off and make a speech to open the Antique Dealers' Fair and to lunch there. The rest of us ate in the Embassy building and resumed our meeting afterwards. I put forward a modification of the Spaak proposals which was generally accepted. Our discussions lasted until late in the day.

Tonight the Conants and ourselves went to a dinner for about sixty people given by Harriet and Winthrop at 14, Prince's Gate, in honor of Princess Margaret. She is a tiny, gay-looking young woman. After dinner, about 300 people came in for the dance. I saw numbers of old friends and greatly enjoyed it.

We left shortly after midnight with the Harcourts and went back to their house for eggs and bacon. They are leaving for Washington in September, where he is taking a position as U. K. Representative on the International Bank and Monetary Fund, as well as Economic Minister at the Embassy. This is a happy selection and will require them to stay in Washington about two years.

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